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INCREASE IN MOBILE TOWERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has taken any steps to increase Mobile Towers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of towers installed so far and the number of towers to be installed in this financial year, State-wise, location-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the quality of mobile service provided by BSNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Sir, BSNL carries out procurement of equipment from time to time to increase number of towers in the country. Accordingly, BSNL floated a tender for 2G/3G COMBO Indian Mobile Personal Communication Service (IMPCS) network seeking expansion of GSM/UMTS based Cellular Mobile Network for a capacity of 45.5 Million lines to be rolled out in three phases.

(c) BSNL has installed 29,692 number of towers so far and it has a plan to install 5,881 numbers of towers in the country in this financial year. Details of towers installed/to be installed circle wise in the country are given in the Annexure.

(d) BSNL is optimizing its GSM based Cellular Mobile network continuously for its performance. Monitoring of the network has been strengthened to ensure performance as per the QoS parameters prescribed by TRAI. GSM network of BSNL is also being progressively augmented to enhance, capacity, coverage and Quality of Service.